

THE DAILY EXAMINER.

OCTOBER 17, 1895.

MR. LAURIER AND THE SCHOOL QUESTION.

Mr. LAURIER has taken up Principal Grant's cry for an investigation, by means of a Dominion Government commission, into the Manitoba schools. It is greatly to be regretted that the easy-going Leader of Opposition has not, rather, countermanded Principal Grant's other and primary suggestion, that the Government of Manitoba should at once do their own admitted duty, viz., settle the matter themselves. A few strong words from the Leader, in this behalf, would undoubtedly be influential at Winnipeg, and might have the effect of removing from the field of Dominion politics a question that ought never to have been intruded upon it. But the idea of appointing a commission to ascertain, at the expense of Canada, whether or not the minority in Manitoba have a grievance to be remedied, is foolish. The Privy Council of the Empire has already settled that point. What would be thought of two suitors who, having carried an important case through all the courts, and adduced all the evidence before the most accomplished and impartial judges, were, after the final judicial decision had been given, to give the case to arbitration? It would be said that their action was unreasonable and unbusiness-like, and such would be the action of the Dominion Government were it to follow the advice of Principal Grant and Mr. Laurier in respect to the Manitoba school question. The question has been decided. It only remains for the Government of Manitoba, which has lost the suit, to abide by the result, as law-respecting citizens do, and for the Dominion Government and Parliament to compel them, if that be possible, in case they refuse. The Dominion Government occupies, in this regard, the position of an officer of the court. It is authorized and constrained by the terms of the Constitution to enforce the decision of the Privy Council. What then, has it to do with investigating the matter of the dispute? It may, indeed, as a good-natured sheriff or constable may, urge the loser of the suit to comply with the terms of the decision that has been arrived at by the Court; but it has no more to do with "investigating" than a sheriff or constable has in respect to any ordinary case. To appoint a commission to investigate the conditions of the Manitoba Schools would, for the Dominion Government, be ridiculous, and it would involve an expense which the people of Canada ought not to have to bear. There is no provision that the Dominion Government shall take over the management of the Manitoba Schools, and no good reason whatever for an investigation on its part. It has simply to see that the grievance found and declared to exist shall be remedied. To this end, it has issued two orders-in-council, suggesting to the government of Manitoba the propriety of applying the remedy prescribed by the Privy Council. The first order-in-council was misinterpreted, and a second has been sent explaining and setting forth more clearly than before the position taken and held by the Dominion Government. The action of the government of Manitoba is now awaited. If satisfactory action be taken before January next, the warrant of the Privy Council will not be executed; but if not, then there will be such remedial legislation by the Dominion Parliament as shall be deemed necessary in the premises. Such is the position occupied by the Dominion Government in respect to this question. This position is reasonable and tenable. But the position taken by the Leader of the Opposition is unreasonable and untenable. If further investigation be at all desirable or necessary, to the end that the "grievance" may be remedied, the Government of Manitoba, not that of Canada, ought at once to institute it, and so be ready to settle the matter on or before next January.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

As indicating progress in telephone practice, it may be stated that the New England Telephone Co. has inaugurated a kind of transient telephone service in New Haven which has for its object the more rapid communication between the houses of sick patients and doctors' residences. In cases of sickness a telephone is placed in the patient's house for a period of thirty days for \$3, and if the family wishes them to continue the service, the same rates are made for the succeeding month.

The actuary of the Mutual Life Assurance Company has been making observations as to the many risks of tetanoid and non-tetanoid. After making a number of elaborate calculations he concludes that the whole, however, the tea habit, not only before but after middle age, must be counted as a favorable indication in judging of proposals for insurance from persons not known to be careful and moderate in the use of beverages. This is another way of saying that if you know that a man takes no intoxicating beverage, he is likely to prove a better assurance risk, other things being equal, than a man whom you know to be in the habit of drinking intoxicants, and as to whose moderation you have no means of information.

In an effort to make out that Canada can afford to contribute to the expenses of Imperial defence, a correspondent of the London Times gives some interesting particulars as to the burden of taxation in the old country and the Dominion. He says:

The revenue of Canada being seven millions, and the population five million, the tax on (supposing the revenue to be derived wholly from taxation) is 21 1/2 s. per head of population. In the United Kingdom the revenue is ninety-two million and the population thirty-eight million, a tax of any kind and of a very simple nature, at the rate of 22 s. per head. Moreover, the United Kingdom is only able to spend 86 per cent of its revenue upon civil purposes, which, of course, give some return in profit to the taxpayer. Canada, on the other hand, spends 95 per cent of her revenue upon civil purposes.

FROM ALL POINTS OF THE COMPASS.

Lotus Ammunition for the Russians. LONDON, Oct. 15.—A despatch from Odessa, which the Times prints to-day, says an enormous quantity of ammunition has arrived in the Caucasus for the Russian army there. The despatch adds that several regiments have taken quarters near the frontier.

Terrible Death of a Young Man. ALEXANDRIA, N. B., Oct. 15.—Oscar Kilburn, aged 21, of Kilburn Settlement, was killed by the explosion of a can of powder which he set off by applying a match to it. The match did not ignite the powder as soon as he expected, and he laid upon it and examined the can when an explosion took place, mangle his face in a terrible manner.

The Nasty Marcellos Students. BARCELONA, Oct. 15.—The firmness displayed by the authorities in dealing with the riotous students and others here, together with the fact that the republican leaders have not actively supported the rioters in their demonstrations, is believed to have averted any further trouble. Five thousand troops are now concentrated here ready at a moment's notice to put down any disorder.

The British Troops Marching on. NEW YORK, Oct. 15.—The Herald has the following special cable despatch from Buenos Ayres, Argentina, via Galveston, Texas, A. Telegrams from Brazil, has been received in Rio Janeiro stating that an armed British force is marching through Brazilian territory. The objective-point of the body is that part of Venezuela claimed by the British Government.

The Japanese Excluded From Corea. YOKOHAMA, Oct. 15.—An imperial ordinance has been issued prohibiting Japanese subjects from visiting Corea without special permission. Advice from Seoul states that in the midst of the confusion of the recent anti-form attack upon the place a number of the riotous party entered a bedroom and murdered three women whom they found there. One of them is supposed to have been the queen.

The New Irish Movement Reiterated. PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Oct. 15.—The united Irish societies of Philadelphia held a mass meeting at 814 Philadelphia road in a heavy rain, with the object of denouncing the Chicago convention, which was held last month. After several addresses against the "new movement" the secretary read a resolution repudiating the "new movement," denouncing it as a fraud, and its promoters as disreputable characters, and branding its officers as the enemies of Ireland. This was passed unanimously by a standing vote.

St Charles Dilke on the Situation. LONDON, Oct. 14.—The Chronicle publishes an interview with Sir Charles Dilke, M. P., on the European situation. Sir Charles declares he is an optimist as regards peace. He believes the Franco-Russian alliance has diminished the risks of a general war. He accuses France of a distinct breach of faith in Siam, but adds that when the British talk of breach of faith the French smile an Egyptian smile. He admits that he is rather alarmed by the Siamese question, but adds that Lord Rosebery had taken the very strong line which Lord Salisbury maintains, and he hopes the question will be finally settled by negotiations.

To Disrupt the Mormon Church. SALT LAKE, Utah, Oct. 15.—Wilford Woodruff, president of the Mormon church, speaking concerning the recent priesthood meeting, says nothing was said about denouncing republicans or politics. He holds every man has a right to enjoy his political belief unmolested. The feeling is now increased in bitterness. The democratic state committee have resolved to take vigorous measures against church interference in politics. The opinion is that if Thatcher and Roberts can hold out against the Mormon Church, that body will be disrupted, and then that body can enter the union free and untrammelled.

Manitoba's Reply on the School Question. WINNIPEG, Oct. 15.—A member of the local government was seen this morning with reference to the sending of the reply of Manitoba to the school question. The hon. gentleman stated that the reply would be sent in due course before the Dominion House met. Headed that there was not the least intention on the part of the Manitoba government to overlook the last message and allow its first reply to carry its answer. Without committing himself upon the attitude which Manitoba would take in the substance of its reply, the minister merely stated emphatically that an answer would be sent.

A Big Deal in Cheese. BELLEVILLE, Ont., Oct. 15.—The deal which has existed here for some weeks, between buyers and sellers on the cheese market, has at last been broken. This has been brought about by the adoption of the contract system, and between last Thursday night and a day or two following it is estimated that nearly 200,000 boxes changed hands. The make of Perth district is included in the sale. The contract price was 84 cents for Septembers and Octobers. A general contract price of 74 cents was made for the balance of the year. It is estimated that no business could be done at that figure. Nearly all the Montreal dealers are represented in the deal.

They Wanted Work Not Sermons. CADIZ, October 15.—As a procession of the rosary here last night, headed by the bishop of Cadiz, was passing through the streets, a crowd of idle working men who did not approve of the religious parade, shouted, "We want work, not sermons; go kill the insurgents in Cuba." They hustled those taking part in the procession and stoned the priests. The volleys were so heavy the priests and their followers took refuge in the church. The mob stoned the people outside, hooting and jeering until dispersed by the police. During the stone-throwing the bishop was slightly injured. The mob made a feeble resistance to the police. Many rioters were wounded.

China Comes to Terms at Last. HONG KONG, Oct. 15.—Advices from Kucheng state that the deadlock which has existed in connection with the commission of enquiry into the outrages upon foreign missionaries is ended. British Consul Mansfield has had an interview with the viceroy at Fukien, with the result that the latter has agreed that 18 more of the men accused of murdering missionaries shall be executed, and the remaining prisoners shall be speedily tried by a commission, which shall have power to impose the death penalty. This solution of the difficulty is ascribed to the ultimatum, which, it is reported, was sent to the viceroy by Admiral Butler, commander of the British fleet, five of whose vessels are now at Foo Chow.

A Question Concerning Salinas and Trout. OTTAWA, October 15.—Just when the prospects were good for building an export trade to Britain of frozen salmon from British Columbia via Australia,

word reaches the government that the fish mongers company of London has interdicted and prevented the sale of a large consignment which arrived on Monday on the ground that the fish is not salmon but trout. Under the English law, the sale of trout is absolutely prohibited in England from 2nd of October to 2nd of February. The fish which are being exported are universally recognized by experts as a species of salmon, and the government will take prompt steps to demonstrate to the fish-mongers company that they are incorrect. The opinion of Professor Pring, whose status as a fishery expert is fully recognized in Britain, was cabled to England to-day. It is in direct opposition to that of the fish-mongers company.

The Emperor and Empress of Germany. COBLENZ, Oct. 15.—The streets of this town were profusely decorated and the railroad station was crowded inside and out to-day with people eager to greet the emperor and empress of Germany upon their return from the catheque to Alsace-Lorraine. Their majesties arrived here at 8 o'clock and were received at the railroad station by Baron von Hammerstein, president of the district of Lorraine, the burgomaster and other public officials. The emperor lunched at Claretan Urville, and then took a special train to Metz, the streets of which city were profusely decorated with hunting and flowers. At Metz his majesty met with a most enthusiastic reception. A Telegram from the catheque returned to Claretan Urville where there was a banquet this evening at which all the imperial party were present. The battlefields around Metz will be visited by the emperor tomorrow.

Rev. Joseph Parker and the Pope. LONDON, Oct. 15.—The Rev. Joseph Parker has written to the Pope a reply to the latter's recent letter to the English people. He thanks His Holiness for his dignified and tender pastoral letter, which, he says, is in every respect worthy of the great and good man who has written it. He declares that the writer has emboldened himself to bear witness to the headship of Christ and to declare communion with any man or any church that would come between him and his Saviour. He does not regard it as presumption to assure His Holiness that this is the substantial position of all Protestant English Christians. He expresses an intense desire to convince the Pope that Protestantism is neither a prejudice nor a whim, but a deep, unchangeable expression of loyalty to what is regarded as the will of the true God. The reply concludes with a prayer that the Pope and his successors be preserved from heresy, and regard him as one desiring to know and exemplify the truth as it is in Jesus.

They Won't Make a Change. MINNEAPOLIS, Oct. 17. In the House of Deputies of the Episcopal Convention yesterday, another attack upon the present title of the denomination made itself manifest in the presentation of a report from the Committee to consider a message from the House of Bishops recommending that the whole page of the Book of Common Prayer be changed by the omission of the word "according to the use of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America," and the substituting of the words "according to American use." The house again refused to change the title of the church as designated in the prayer book, and a framed resolution of non-concurrence with the bishops was adopted by a large majority on a voice vote.

Two Sensational Acts. MONTREAL, Oct. 17. There was great excitement at the City Hall yesterday when ex-Alderman Stevens sued Alderman Prefontaine for \$150,000 for having illegally voted the above sum when the yearly credit had been exhausted. As a counter-blast, Prefontaine has taken action against Mayor Villeneuve claiming that His Worship's firm sold wood to the corporation and thus voided his seat.

Money-Changer Sand-Bagged. MONTREAL, Oct. 17. For the second time in two years Mr. Clarke, a well-known money-changer, was sand-bagged and robbed of \$3,000 in a thickly populated portion of this city.

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